

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

a A sale device is connected to the terminals of a purchaser and a seller, respectively, via a network. The sale device comprises a work information acquisition unit, an information provision unit, a payment confirmation unit and a purchase information acquisition unit. The work information acquisition unit receives sale consignment per units of rights of a literary work from a seller via a network. The purchase information acquisition unit sells a literary work to a purchaser per units of rights via the network and the unit obtains information about the purchaser at the time of purchase. When the payment conformation unit confirms the payment of a purchase price, the information provision unit provides the information about a purchaser via the network. Any person can read this provided information via the network. In this way, the intentional copyright infringement of a person that sells literary works can be suppressed.
